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**Rome.** After forty years of world-wide influence as editor of the Vatican's newspaper, *Osservatore Romano*, Count Giuseppe Dalla Torre has been fired. His replacement is Raimondo Manzini, long-time director of *Avvenire d'Italia* of Bologna. Pope John has for some time expressed dissatisfaction with the strident, polemical tone of Dalla Torre's journalism. However, there is believed to be also a policy motive in the change. Dalla Torre has often inclined to the left of Papal sentiment, and the new editor is known as a "convinced conservative." The engineer of the change, it is said, was Monsignor Loris Capovilla, widely considered to be the rising figure in the Papal court. Italians find additional significance in the fact that Pope John, Monsignor Capovilla and Signor Manzini are all natives of the Veneto (the Venice region).

**Edinburgh.** The *Edinburgh Evening News* reports on the rigors of the royal training school: "He is being taught how to behave in front of the cameras that he knows so well from the other side; how to be the perfect escort, never lagging behind, or hurrying ahead of the Royal lady he is with; how to look interested in what may bore him . . . He has chosen his future wife in the full realization of what his love for the Princess would involve. Often this gregarious young man may be lonely—yet never again will he walk alone. Always there will be a detective just one pace behind him."

**Paris.** Suppression of issues of *France-Observateur* and *L'Express* and the sudden arrest of implicated individuals fail to hide the corrosion that decades of Leftism have eaten into French intellectual life. The son of the famous painter André Masson and the daughter of a leading doctor (Professor Besançon) are among those found to have been operatives in an underground network of the FLN—that is, of the Algerian terrorists who are openly at war with France. This particular network of traitors is directed by Professor Francis Jeanson, a collaborator of Jean-Paul Sartre, who discussed its objectives—openly approved by *Les Temps Modernes*, Sartre's magazine—with a group of sympathetic journalists whose articles brought the police action against the two magazines.

**Bonn.** Moscow's multiple campaign to divert attention from the Soviet and Communist threat by evocation of the Hitler era is being continuously seconded by the Left as well as by many Jewish spokesmen. The Social Democrats have made a strenuous effort to prolong the 15-year statute of limitations applied to certain Nazi crimes. East and West German Leftist groups collaborate on unearthing alleged Nazi taints in the ancient records of West German officials. Strecker, a Berlin student conspicuous in this operation, has recently been in England, where he has lined up teams of Leftist British university students to help ferret out, or invent, incriminating documents.

**East Berlin.** On April 15, just three months after the start of the crash campaign, the East German government announced that collectivization of all land was 100 per cent completed. Except for several thousand who chose to escape westward, all 340,000 of the farmers who had managed to stay independent until January 15 of this year were forced into collectives. This extreme move, without precedent in the other captive nations, was obviously timed for the Summit, presumably as a demonstration that unity between East and West Germany is now structurally impossible. Within the past few weeks, parallel 100 per cent collectivization programs have been announced for sports, bands and—of decisive importance in combating "middle class survivals"—handicrafts.



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"And that, if you'll pardon the expression, is Parliament."

**Ahmedabab, India.** Although India's annual food deficit is expected to reach 20 million tons of grain within a few years, there is no hunger in the pinjrapoles that flourish throughout the country. A pinjrapole is a nursing home for aged divinities: cows, in the Hindu pinjrapoles; and all living beings, in the Jain establishments. Visiting the Hindu pinjrapole near the Ahmedabab University campus, the *Manchester Guardian* correspondent found hundreds of diseased, deformed and cancerous cows awaiting release from this life, with no medical treatment but with feed and, for the final stages (for which they are transferred to a special shed, or temple), pillows of sawdust. After observing a cow too weak to blink away the flies that rested in swarms on her eyeballs, he asked the director whether mercy killing might not be sometimes in order. "It is against Dharma. Would you advocate mercy killing in the case of your mother?" came the shocked reply. "This cow is my sister. In another hour her soul will be free to seek another host." In the nearby Jain pinjrapole there is a large insect sanctuary, where millions of fleas, spiders, scorpions, ants and other insects are lovingly cared for.

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